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**Abstract.** In this paper, we introduce new subclasses  $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$  of meromorphically multivalent functions defined by the subordination relation. We also obtain the inclusion relations for the classes  $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$  and investigate the integral preserving properties of functions in  $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$ .

## 1. Introduction

Let  $\sum_p$  denote the class of functions of the form

$$(1.1) \quad f(z) = \frac{a_{-p}}{z^p} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k z^k \quad (a_{-p} \neq 0, p \in N = \{1, 2, \dots\})$$

which are regular in the punctured disk  $E = \{z : 0 < |z| < 1\}$ . Following Uralegaddi and Somanatha [4], we define

$$(1.2) \quad D^0 f(z) = f(z),$$

$$(1.3) \quad D^1 f(z) = \frac{a_{-p}}{z^p} + (p+1)a_0 + (p+2)a_1 z + (p+3)a_2 z^2 + \dots$$

$$= \frac{(z^{p+1} f(z))'}{z^p},$$

$$(1.4) \quad D^2 f(z) = D(D^1 f(z)),$$

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and for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1.5) \quad D^n f(z) &= D(D^{n-1} f(z)) \\
 &= \frac{a_{-p}}{z^p} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (p+m)^n a_{m-1} z^{m-1} \\
 &= \frac{(z^{p+1} D^{n-1} f(z))'}{z^p}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Using the operator  $D^n$ , Cho and Lee [2] introduced the subclasses  $B_{n,p}(\alpha)$  of  $\Sigma_p$  whose members are characterized by the condition

$$(1.6) \quad \operatorname{Re} \left\{ z^{p+1} (D^n f(z))' \right\} < -p \frac{n+\alpha}{n+1} \quad (z \in U = \{z : |z| < 1\})$$

for some  $\alpha (0 \leq \alpha < 1)$  and  $n \in N_0 = N \cup \{0\}$ . They proved that  $B_{n+1,p}(\alpha) \subset B_{n,p}(\alpha)$ , and since  $B_{0,p}(\alpha)$  is the class of meromorphically  $p$ -valent functions [3]), all functions in  $B_{n,p}(\alpha)$  are  $p$ -valent. Also they considered some properties in connection with certain integral transform.

In this paper, we introduce the new classes  $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$  of meromorphically  $p$ -valent functions in  $U$ .

Let  $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$  denote the class of functions  $f \in \Sigma_p$  which satisfy the condition

$$(1.7) \quad -z^{p+1} (D^n f(z))' \prec p + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2} z \quad (0 \leq \alpha < 1, z \in U),$$

where  $\prec$  denotes the subordination relation. From (1.7), we have that  $C_{n,p}(\alpha) \subset B_{n,p}(\alpha)$  for  $n \in N_0$ . Hence the classes  $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$  are subclasses of meromorphically  $p$ -valent functions. Also we shall prove that  $C_{n+1,p}(\alpha) \subset C_{n,p}(\alpha)$ . Furthermore we consider certain integral transform of functions in  $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$ .

## 2. Properties of the classes $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$

For the proofs of coming theorems, we need the following lemma due to Jack [1].

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $w$  be non-constant regular in  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$ ,  $w(0) = 0$ . If  $|w|$  attains its maximum value on the circle  $|z| = r < 1$  at  $z_0$ , we have  $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$  where  $k$  is a real number,  $k \geq 1$ .*

**Theorem 1.**  $C_{n+1,p}(\alpha) \subset C_{n,p}(\alpha)$  for each  $n \in N_0$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in C_{n+1,p}(\alpha)$ . Then

$$(2.1) \quad -z^{p+1}(D^{n+1}f(z))' \prec p + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+3}z.$$

Define  $w(z)$  in  $U = \{z : |z| < 1\}$  by

$$(2.2) \quad -z^{p+1}(D^n f(z))' = p + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2}w(z).$$

Clearly  $w(0) = 0$ . Using the identity

$$(2.3) \quad z(D^n f(z))' = D^{n+1}f(z) - (p+1)D^n f(z),$$

the equation (2.2) may be written as

$$(2.4) \quad -z^p(D^{n+1}f(z) - (p+1)D^n f(z)) = p + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2}w(z).$$

Differentiating (2.4), we obtain

$$(2.5) \quad -z^{p+1}(D^{n+1}f(z))' = p + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2}\{w(z) + zw'(z)\}.$$

We claim that  $|w(z)| < 1$  in  $U$ . Suppose that there exists a point  $z_0 \in U$  such that  $\max_{|z| < |z_0|} |w(z)| = |w(z_0)| = 1$  ( $w(z_0) \neq 1$ ). Then, by Lemma 1, we have

$$(2.6) \quad z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0),$$

where  $k \geq 1$ . The equation (2.5) in conjunction with (2.6) yields

$$(2.7) \quad \begin{aligned} |z_0^{p+1}(D^{n+1}f(z_0))' + p| &= \left| \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2}(1+k) \right| \\ &> \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+3}, \end{aligned}$$

which is a contradiction to (2.1). Hence  $|w(z)| < 1$  in  $U$  and from (2.2) it follows that  $f \in C_{n,p}(\alpha)$ .

**Theorem 2.** Let  $f \in C_{n,p}(\alpha)$ . Then

$$(2.8) \quad F(z) = \frac{c}{z^{c+p}} \int_0^z t^{c+p-1} f(t) dt \quad (c > 0)$$

belongs to  $C_{n,p}(\alpha)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $f \in C_{n,p}(\alpha)$ . Define  $w(z)$  in  $U$  by

$$(2.9) \quad -z^{p+1}(D^n F(z))' = p + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2}w(z).$$

Clearly  $w(0) = 0$ . Using the equation

$$(2.10) \quad z(D^n F(z))' = cD^n f(z) - (c+p)D^n F(z),$$

the equation (2.9) may be written as

$$(2.11) \quad -z^p(cD^n f(z) - (c+p)D^n F(z)) = p + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2}w(z).$$

Differentiating (2.11), we have

$$(2.12) \quad -z^{p+1}(D^n f(z))' = p + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2}w(z) + \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{c(n+2)}zw'(z).$$

We claim that  $|w(z)| < 1$  in  $U$ . For otherwise, by Lemma 1, there exists  $z_0$ ,  $|z_0| < 1$  such that  $z_0 w'(z_0) = kw(z_0)$ , where  $|w(z_0)| = 1$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Applying this result to (2.12), we obtain

$$(2.13) \quad \begin{aligned} |z_0^{p+1}(D^n f(z_0))' + p| &= \left| \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2} + \frac{p(1-\alpha)k}{c(n+2)} \right| \\ &> \frac{p(1-\alpha)}{n+2}, \end{aligned}$$

which contradicts our assumption. Hence  $|w(z)| < 1$  in  $U$  and from (2.12) we have that  $F \in C_{n,p}(\alpha)$ .

Taking  $n = 0$  and  $c = 1$  in Theorem 2, we have the following

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $f \in C_{0,p}(\alpha)$ . Then*

$$(2.14) \quad F(z) = \frac{1}{z^{1+p}} \int_0^z t^p f(t) dt$$

belongs to  $C_{0,p}(\alpha)$ .

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